



**DATE:** March 8, 2021

**TO:** Mayor, City Council, and City Manager

**FROM:** Patrick Martin, Richfield, RBWMO Executive Director  
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**RE:** Richfield Bloomington Watershed Management Organization Annual Meeting

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Attached is the agenda material for the Annual Richfield-Bloomington Watershed Management Organization (RBWMO) meeting. The 38th annual meeting will take place at **6:15 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2021 remotely on WebEx**

Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR)

- Steve Christopher, Board Conservationist with BWSR will be in attendance at the annual meeting. Staff has been working on the Hennepin County Chloride Initiative which is funded through BWSR's Watershed Based Funding Program. Staff will present some background information as well as provide an update to the current status. BWSR staff will be available to answer questions as well as provide information about the program as it moves forward.

Annual Report and WMO Activities

- The annual report is included with the agenda material. Pending Board approval the 2020 annual report will be submitted to BWSR as required. The presentation will summarize the annual report and include WMO's 2020 activities as well as highlight the upcoming work anticipated for 2021.

The RBWMO was formed to provide more uniform and comprehensive management of surface water at the local level as mandated by the Minnesota Legislature. Where no watershed district was in existence local governments could choose to join an existing watershed district (i.e. Nine Mile Creek, Minnehaha) or form a watershed management organization through joint powers agreements. The cities of Richfield and Bloomington elected to cooperatively enter into a joint-power agreement on January 23, 1984 thereby forming the Richfield-Bloomington Watershed Management Organization.

The attached agenda packet indicates there is some action that is requested of the Richfield-Bloomington Watershed Management Organization Board at the annual meeting. However, no formal action is necessary as a City Council.

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